



All aboard (Oct. 31, 2000): The Expedition 1 crew members pose for final photos prior to their launch aboard a Soyuz vehicle from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. Expedition 1 commander William M. (Bill) Shepherd (center crewmember on steps) is flanked by Soyuz commander Yuri P. Gidzenko (bottom) and Sergei K. Krikalev, flight engineer.



Liftoff! (Oct. 31, 2000): The Soyuz spacecraft lifts off from the Baikonur Cosmodrome at 10:53 a.m. Kazakhstan time.



First week on board (Nov. 2000): Cosmonaut Krikalev (foreground), flight engineer, works with cameras in the service module (Zvezda) on the International Space Station (ISS), while astronaut Shepherd, Expedition 1 commander, busily goes about chores in the background. The photograph was taken by cosmonaut Gidzenko, Soyuz commander, and was one of the first still pictures to be downlinked from the station since the Expedition 1 crew boarded it earlier in the week.



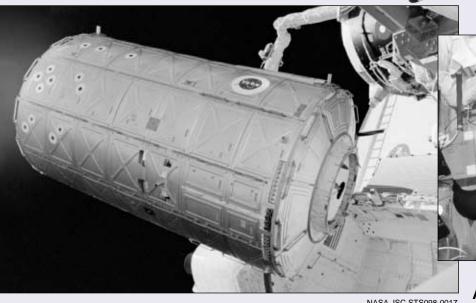
Arrival of first visitors on STS-97 (Dec. 2000):

Astronauts Brent W. Jett, Jr. (left) and Shepherd participate in an old Navy tradition of ringing a bell to announce the arrival or departure of someone to a ship. Shepherd is a U.S. Navy captain; and Jett, STS-97 mission commander, is a U.S. Navy commander.



Delivery of solar arrays on STS-97 (Dec. 2000):

Astronaut Joseph R. Tanner, mission specialist, waves to crew members inside Endeavour's cabin during extravehicular activity (EVA) to perform work on the ISS. The elbow of the remote manipulator system (RMS) robotic arm and part of the newlydeployed solar array panel are in the background.



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Delivery of U.S. Destiny (Feb. 2001): In the grasp of the shuttle's RMS robot arm, the Destiny laboratory is moved from its stowage position in the cargo bay of the Space Shuttle Atlantis. The photo was taken by astronaut Thomas D. Jones, who was participating in one of three STS-98/5a space walks at the time.



Activation and checkout (Feb. 2001): Three STS-98 astronauts move a rack into position aboard the newly attached Destiny laboratory. From the left to right are astronauts Robert L. Curbeam, mission specialist; Mark L. Polansky, pilot; and Kenneth D. Cockrell, mission commander.



